



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held July 1, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Report by the Acting Director of Public Works on what actions, if any, the County needs to take in light of the Governor's recently proclaimed Statewide drought, including any recommendations to ensure that the County is conserving water, as requested at the meeting of June 10, 2008.

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

Dean D. Efstathiou, Acting Director, Department of Public Works, responded to questions posed by the Board.

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"According to the recent Drought Report prepared by the Department of Public Works, the water crisis in Los Angeles County will continue to worsen unless residents, businesses, and our Cities are urged to achieve a 15% to 20% reduction in water demand. The County must also do its share to reduce water consumption and the Drought Report outlined numerous initiatives that have already been implemented or are currently being studied for implementation in the near future that will provide measurable results in water conservation at County facilities and through County programs.

"In order to minimize the impact of future actions, the County needs to do more to maximize the use of its available water sources. The report's seven recommendations are the County's Drought Response and these actions should be approved today without any further delay.

"However, the water crisis and the Governor's recent Statewide Drought Proclamation have also caused concern among residents over the ongoing availability of water supplies. County residents have raised valid questions regarding how the drought will impact the land development review process for new development projects that are proposed and that rely on existing water sources. More information is needed from the water agencies and our County Departments to respond to these concerns."

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Acting Director of Public Works' attached report entitled "Response to Governor Schwarzenegger's Statewide Drought Proclamation," which details seven recommended County Drought Response Actions that the County should take, was adopted as amended to include:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer and affected County Departments to take actions as necessary to implement the recommendations;
2. Instruct the Acting Director of Public Works, through the Office of Water Recycling, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and Internal Services Department, to report back to the Board in 30 days with the strategy for expanding the use of recycled water at all County parks, and other County facilities that can effectively use recycled water, and to map the proximity of these sites to existing or future sources of recycled water, and to analyze and provide an estimated cost to connect to and/or create these recycled water systems; and
3. Instruct the Acting Director of Public Works and the Director of Planning to consult with the various water agencies that provide water services to County unincorporated areas, and report back to the Board in 30 days on how the drought may impact the land development review process for both discretionary and ministerial applications, and what the Board can expect regarding future actions by water agencies on pending development projects in the unincorporated area.

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#### Attachment

#### Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor  
Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Acting Director of Public Works  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
Acting Director of Internal Services  
Director of Planning